

## AMENDMENT

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A patch bag comprising a bag and a patch, wherein:,  
comprising:]

(A) [a bag having] the bag has an open top, a bottom seal, and a side-  
seal at a first side edge of the bag; and

(B) [a] the patch [which] covers a seamless second side edge of the bag  
and at least a portion of both a first lay-flat side of the bag and a  
second lay-flat side of the bag;

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wherein the bag comprises a first film and the patch comprises a second  
film, and the side-seal is through the first film but not through the second  
film.

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2. (Once Amended) The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the  
[bag] first film is [comprises] a heat-shrinkable film and the [patch] second  
film is [comprises] a heat-shrinkable film.

3. (Once Amended) The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the  
first film is [bag comprises] a first biaxially-oriented, heat-shrinkable film  
comprising an outside abuse layer, a core O<sub>2</sub>-barrier layer, and an inside-  
sealant layer, and the second film is [patch comprises] a second biaxially-  
oriented, heat-shrinkable film.

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5. (Once Amended) The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein [the  
bag comprises a first film and the patch comprises a second film, the side-  
seal is through the first film but not through the second film, and] the end-  
seal is through the first film but not through the second film.

A3 7. (Once Amended) The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the patch has a width of from about 20 to [200] 190 percent, based on the width of the bag.

[Kindly add the following newly-presented claims:]

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22. ~~The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the patch is adhered to an outside surface~~ of a bag.

23. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the first film has a thickness of from about 1.5 to 5 mils, and the second film has a thickness of from about 2 to 8 mils.

A4 24. The patch bag according to Claim 23, wherein the second film has a thickness of from about 3 to 6 mils.

25. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the bag has only one patch adhered thereto.

26. The patch bag according to Claim 18, wherein the bag comprises a first biaxially-oriented, heat-shrinkable film comprising an outside abuse layer, a core O<sub>2</sub>-barrier layer, and an inside-sealant layer, and the patch comprises a second biaxially-oriented, heat-shrinkable film.

27. The patch bag according to Claim 26, wherein:  
the outside abuse layer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer having a density of from about 0.85 to 0.95 g/cc, propylene/ethylene copolymer, polyamide,

ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer, ethylene/methyl acrylate copolymer, and ethylene/butyl acrylate copolymer;

the core O<sub>2</sub>-barrier layer of the first film comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene chloride, polyamide, polyester, and polyacrylonitrile;

the inside-sealant layer of the first film comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polyolefin, thermoplastic polyamide, thermoplastic polyester, and thermoplastic polyvinyl chloride; and

the second biaxially-oriented, heat-shrinkable film comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer having a density of from about 0.85 to 0.95 g/cc, propylene/ethylene copolymer, polyamide, ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer, ethylene/methyl acrylate copolymer, and ethylene/butyl acrylate copolymer.

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~~28. The patch bag according to Claim 18, wherein the bag comprises a first film and the patch comprises a second film, and wherein the bottom seal is through the first film but not through the second film, and the backseamed seal is through the first film but not through the second film.~~

29. The patch bag according to Claim 18, wherein the first film is a heat-shrinkable film and the second film is a heat-shrinkable film.

30. The patch bag according to Claim 18, wherein the patch has a width of from about 20 to 190 percent, based on the width of the bag.

31. The patch bag according to Claim 20, wherein the first side seal is through the first film but not through the second film, and the second side seal is through the first film but not through the second film.

32. The patch bag according to Claim 20, wherein the first film is a heat-shrinkable film and the second film is a heat-shrinkable film.

33. The patch bag according to Claim 20, wherein the patch has a width of from about 20 to 190 percent, based on the width of the bag.

Sub 66 → 34. The patch bag according to Claim 20, wherein the first film is a first biaxially-oriented, heat-shrinkable film comprising an outside abuse layer, a core O<sub>2</sub>-barrier layer, and an inside-sealant layer, and the second film is a second biaxially-oriented, heat-shrinkable film.

35. The patch bag according to Claim 34, wherein:

the outside abuse layer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer having a density of from about 0.85 to 0.95 g/cc, propylene/ethylene copolymer, polyamide, ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer, ethylene/methyl acrylate copolymer, and ethylene/butyl acrylate copolymer;

the core O<sub>2</sub>-barrier layer of the first film comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene chloride, polyamide, polyester, and polyacrylonitrile;

the inside-sealant layer of the first film comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polyolefin, thermoplastic polyamide, thermoplastic polyester, and thermoplastic polyvinyl chloride; and